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of the Medical Officer of Health

T. M. B. ROHAN,

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S K E L T O N & B R O T T O N U R B A N D I S T R I C T C O U N C I L

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1964, the contents of which are in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health.

During the year measles accounted for the great majority of the infectious diseases notified in the Urban District.

The table of classification of the causes of death shows diseases of the heart and circulation once again to be the main cause with cancer taking second place.

I would like to record my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Health Committee for their encouragement throughout the year.

To the Heads of Departments I am again obliged for their co-operation at all times. To Mr. J. H. Rhodes, whose report follows mine, I owe an especial debt for his unstinted help in all matters concerning the health of the District.

Finally, I wish to thank the two clerical officers, Mr. R. K. Nuttall and Miss D. E. Fox, who, working in the Area Health Office, have contributed materially to the smooth conduct of affairs.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. M. B. ROHAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

September, 1965.

TABLE I

Public Health Officers

Whole Time Officers	Guisborough Urban District	Skelton & Brotton Urban District	Loftus Urban District
Medical Officer of Health who is also Asst. County Medical Officer No. 4 Area N.R.C.C. and School Medical Officer, N.R.C.C.	Dr. T. M. B. Rohan		
Public Health Inspectors	*Mr. A. T. Pallister	Mr. J. H. Rhodes	*Mr. W. C. Ranson
Additional Public Health Inspector	Mr. E. Ward	Mr. R. M. Chalmers	Mr. W. Murray

*Also Surveyor of the district concerned

County Public Health Staff attached to the Skelton and Brotton Area.

Miss M. Nuttall	Health Visitor
Mrs. H. B. Grant	Health Visitor (commenced duty 13.7.64)
Miss L. Sanders	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. K. Thirling	District Nurse/Midwife
Miss A. Wardhaugh	District Nurse/Midwife
Mrs. B. Pearson	District Nurse/Midwife
Mr. R. K. Nuttall	Senior Clerk
Miss D. E. Fox	Clerk/Typist

Statistics of the Area

Population

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population of the district in the mid-year 1964 is 13,330 as compared to an estimate of the population in the mid-year 1963 of 13,290.

General Statistics

I am indebted to the Financial Officer of the Council for the following figures :-

1.	Area of the District in acres	...	...	...	...	15,419
2.	No. of inhabited houses according to the rate books					4,378
3.	Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	£245,212
4.	Sum represented by a penny rate			...	...	£927

TABLE 2

Vital Statistics

			MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Live Births	143	121	264
Legitimate	134	111	245
Illegitimate	9	10	19
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Still Births	4	4	8
Legitimate	3	4	7
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

			MALE	FEMALE
Total	...	...	3	2
Legitimate	...	...	2	2
Illegitimate	...	...	1	-

The number of births registered being 264 gives a corrected birth-rate of 21.4 per 1,000 of the population, compared to 18.4 for England and Wales. 5 infants under the age of one year died giving an infant mortality rate of 18.9 per 1,000 live births compared to the rate for England and Wales of 20.0.



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TABLE 3 - Vital Statistics

CAUSES OF DEATH

				MALE	FEMALE
Tuberculosis, Respiratory	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	-	-
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	-	-
Diphtheria	...	...	...	-	-
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	-	-
Meningo-coccal infection	...	...	...	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	-	-
Measles	...	...	...	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases				-	-
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	...	...	...	7	1
Malignant Neoplasm of Lung, Bronchus				9	-
Malignant Neoplasm of Breast	...	...	...	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm of Uterus	...	...	...	-	4
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms				6	6
Leukaemia	...	...	...	-	-
Diabetes	...	...	...	-	-
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System				11	16
Coronary Disease, Angina	...	...	...	33	18
Hypertension with Heart Disease	...	...	...	1	-
Other Heart Diseases	...	...	...	6	7
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	1	5
Influenza	...	...	...	-	-
Pneumonia	...	...	...	3	4
Bronchitis	...	...	...	3	-
Other Diseases of Respiratory System				-	3
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	-	-
Gastro-enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...	3	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	...	...	...	3	-
Pregnancy, child-birth, abortion	...	...	...	-	-
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	1	1
Other defined or ill-defined diseases				4	3
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	-	1
All other accidents	...	...	...	5	3
Suicide	...	...	...	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	-	-
ALL CAUSES	...	...	...	96	75

The deaths are classified under thirty-six headings based on the Abbreviated List of International Statistical Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1948. 171 deaths of residents gave a corrected death-rate of ~~14.6~~ 14.6 per 1,000 of population compared to 11.3 for England and Wales.

TABLE 4

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES 1964
(other than Tuberculosis)

	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 year	2	3	4	5-	10-	15-	25-	35-	45-	65-	Age Un- known
Scarlet Fever ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ...	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ...	248	10	18	23	19	22	55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meningo-coccal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encephalitis ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Infectious Diseases

Table 4 shows the incidence of notifiable diseases other than tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis

Three new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis during 1964.

TABLE 5

Immunisation and Vaccination

<u>Immunisation against Diphtheria</u>	UNDER 1	1 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed	198	28	-	226
Reinforcing Doses	-	-	51	51
<u>Immunisation against Whooping Cough</u>		0 TO 4	5 TO 14	TOTAL
Completed		225	1	226
<u>Vaccination (Smallpox)</u>	PRIMARY		RE-VACCINATION	
	36		5	
<u>Poliomyelitis Vaccination</u>	PRIMARY		REINFORCING	
	267		166	

The General Provision of Health Services in the District

1. Laboratory Facilities

This work is now done at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough, only the biological test for tuberculous milk being carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Northallerton.

2. National Health Service Act, 1946

With certain exceptions the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee of the Health Committee of the County Council exercises the functions of the Local Health Authority in supervising the day to day administration of the services provided under this Act. The Committee met every two months. It is composed of members of the County Council, of the three District Councils of Guisborough, Skelton and Brotton, and Loftus, and of certain co-opted members. Among the services administered are the following :-

Domestic Help Service

Home Nursing

Prevention of illness: Care and After Care

Health Visiting

Ambulance Service

Midwifery

Vaccination and Immunisation

Care of Mothers and
Young Children.

3. Prevention of Illness - Care and After-Care

The work previously carried out under this heading by the Voluntary Care Committee is now being undertaken by the Guisborough Area Health Sub-Committee. Enquiries and requests for assistance may be made to the Medical Officer of Health, District Health Office, Park Lane, Guisborough. (Telephone: Guisborough 2521).

4. National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951 - Section 47.

No procedure has been taken during the year.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT,

COUNCIL OFFICES,

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

To the Chairman and Members of
Skelton and Brotton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my seventh Annual Report to the Council for the year 1964.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their encouragement during the year, and to my assistant, Mr. R. M. Chalmers, to my clerk and to all my colleagues for their help and co-operation.

Certain information in the report relating to Council housing, sewerage and improvement grants has been kindly provided by your Clerk and Surveyor.

Your obedient servant,

J. H. RHODES,

Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

A summary of visits made is tabulated below :-

TABLE 6

	No. of Inspections
Dwellinghouses ...	760
Conversions ...	51
Slaughterhouses ...	1530
Factories ...	6
Food Premises ...	79
Water Supplies ...	10
Drainage and Sewerage	53
Pests	235
Infectious Diseases	35
Miscellaneous ...	<u>467</u>
TOTAL	3226

WATER SUPPLY

With the exception of some outlying farms and cottages water is supplied by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. Table 7 summarises the position as follows :-

TABLE 7

Number of houses having mains supply in pipes inside	4390
Number of houses supplied by standpipes	-
Number of houses supplied by wells and springs ...	20

Four samples of water were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. Details are given in Table 8.

TABLE 8

Area	No. of Samples	Result	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Skelton	2	2	-
Brotton	1	1	-
Charltons	1	1	-

A number of complaints were received during the year concerning discoloured water in the Saltburn Road and Britannia Terrace/The Avenue areas of Brotton. These complaints were passed to the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board who took several samples for analysis.

A letter was received from the Chief Chemist and Bacteriologist of the Board stating that the discolouration was due to a small amount of Aluminium Sulphate passing through the filters at Scaling Dam. Although of low concentration, this tends to build up in the ends of mains and settle out from the water to form the brown deposit, which although unsightly, does not present any health hazard.

An additional treatment plant is now being constructed to deal with this problem and is expected to be completed by early 1966.

Unsatisfactory samples were taken from the private supply which serves 10 houses at Aysdalegate. The owners were advised to filter all water used for drinking purposes.

The Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board restricted the use of water by prohibiting the washing of private vehicles and the watering of private gardens by hosepipe. The shortage was due to the below-average rainfall.

New mains were laid for new housing development in Marske Lane (Part 2), Skelton, and Layland Road, North Skelton and for further housing development in Waveney Road, Skelton.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

With the exception of outlying houses and farms and the village of Moorsholm, the district is served by public sewers discharging to the sea. Sewage disposal works owned by the Council receive the sewage from the village of Moorsholm. These works are inadequate and new sewage disposal works are to be provided in the near future.

Sewers laid during 1964 were :-

New sewers laid	...	...	6 in. - 90 yards
			9 in. - 40 yards

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

TABLE 9

Number of conversions carried out under voluntary grant scheme	...	3
Number of conversions carried out by Council	... ..	0
Number of conversions carried out in connection with		
Improvement Grants and Standard Grants	... ..	7
Number of pan closets remaining (including outlying houses		
and farms)	... ..	52

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of house and trade refuse is maintained throughout the district.

Refuse disposal was by controlled tipping at the Brotton Tip throughout the year.

The time lost during the year in sickness amounted to 628 man/hours. For the financial year ended 31st March, 1965, the cost of the service was estimated at £8,306.

Other details relating to this service were :-

Total mileage of vehicles	... ..	15,332
Loads of refuse collected and tipped	... ..	2,790
Approximate weight of refuse	... ..	5,580
Trade refuse collected - Loads	... ..	4½
Bins	... ..	3,563

FACTORIES

Tables 10, 11 and 12 give details of factory inspection work carried out during the year.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

Part I of the Act

TABLE 10

1. Inspections

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1 to 6 are enforced ...	7	4	-	-
2. Factories in which Section 7 is enforced	18	2	-	-
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced ...	11	-	-	-
TOTALS	36	6	-	-

TABLE 11

2. Cases where defects were found

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H. M. Inspector	Referred by H. M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature ...	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation	0	0	0	0
Ineffective Drainage of Floors ...	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act ...	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

TABLE 12

Nature of Work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing) Making apparel) etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-
) Cleaning	-	-	-	-	-	-
) and	-	-	-	-	-	-
) Washing	-	-	-	-	-	-
Household linen	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hangings	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electro-plate	-	-	-	-	-	-
File making	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles	-	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The above Act makes provision for the safety, health and welfare of people employed in these premises. Certain sections of the Act, including the requirement to register premises, came into force on the 1st May, 1964, whilst most of the main provisions became law on the 1st August, 1964.

The Act applies generally to all offices, shops and most railway buildings near the permanent way, in which at least one person is employed. The general provisions in respect of public buildings, offices and shops in factories, and railway premises in this area are enforced by H. M. Inspector of Factories. This Council is responsible for enforcing the main provisions in respect of all other offices and shops. The sections of the Act relating to means of escape and other fire provisions are the responsibility of the Fire Authority.

Premises where only self-employed people work do not come within the scope of the Act, nor do businesses where the only people employed are immediate relatives of the employer. Mobile offices and shops are also exempt.

The general requirements of the Act deal with cleanliness, room space, temperature, ventilation, lighting, sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, drinking water, accommodation for clothing, seating arrangements, seats for sedentary workers, eating facilities and other matters such as handrails, construction of floors, steps, lifts, etc., machinery and first aid equipment. It is intended to make regulations during 1965 prescribing standards concerning the provision of sanitary conveniences and washing facilities.

TABLE 13

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of premises	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	3	-
Retail Shops	35	18
Wholesale shops, warehouses	4	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	5	1
Fuel storage depots	-	-

HOUSING

Many houses in North Skelton were damaged by subsidence. The centre of damage appeared to be in the Bolckow Street/Wharton Street area, and a survey of all houses in both those streets and William Street was carried out in April. Of 147 houses inspected, 121 were found to be damaged. Generally speaking, damage was slight. In a few houses cracks appeared in walls, floors etc., but in most cases the main damage was to plasterwork, windows and doors. The estimated costs of repair ranged from £1 up to £85. The total amounted to £1,558. Details were passed to the mine-owners, Messrs. Dorman Long (Steel) Ltd., who made payments to the owners and occupiers of the houses affected on the basis of the figures supplied by us.

Following further reports, a second survey was made of all the houses in North Skelton later in the year. It was found that certain houses which had shown subsidence damage on the first survey had suffered further damage, and houses in Richard Street, Railway Terrace and Holmbeck Road had also been affected. Again, there appeared to have been only slight movement and the damage generally was superficial. 140 houses were involved and the estimated cost of repair came to £1,671. Details of this second survey were passed to Dorman Long.

Details of other housing work are given in the following tables :-

TABLE 14

Housing Appendix - Statistics

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year

1.	(a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	299
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	465
2.	(a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	...	...	0
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	0
3.		Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	7
4.		Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	19

Housing Statistics - continued

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices

(1) Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit or repaired in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their owners	10
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year

A. Proceedings under Sections 9 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	0
(2) Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	0

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ...	8
(2) Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) By Owners	5
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	1

C. Proceedings under Section 17, 18, 26, 27 and 28 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	0
(2) Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
(3) Number of dwellinghouses subject to undertaking or closing Orders	3
(4) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been rendered fit	0

D. Clearance Areas

(1) Number of houses included in Clearance Areas ...	0
(2) Number of houses included in Confirmed Clearance Orders	0
(3) Number of houses included in Clearance Orders demolished	0
(4) Number of persons displaced	0
(5) Number of families displaced	0

4. Housing Act, 1957, Part 4, Overcrowding

(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	Not known
(2) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	3

Improvement Grants

Number of Improvement Grants made	...	...	...	...	26
Number of Improvement Grants refused		...	...	...	-
Number of Standard Grants made	...	...	...	...	24

Rent Act, 1957

Six visits were made to houses in connection with the Rent Act, 1957.

TABLE 15

Number of applications for Certificate of Disrepair	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued	...	...	...	...	-----
Number of Undertakings accepted	...	...	...	...	-----
Number of Applications for Certificates as to Remedying of Defects	...	...	...	...	-----
Number of Certificates as to Remedying of Defects issued				...	-----
Number of Applications for Cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair	...	...	...	...	-----
Number of Certificates of Disrepair cancelled	...	...		...	-----
Number of Refusals to cancel Certificates of Disrepair				...	-----

New Housing

Number of Council houses erected during year	...	...	...	12
Number of private houses erected during year	...	...	...	60

Council Housing

The Council own 681 houses and 6 shops as follows :-

	Houses	Shops
Skelton	242	1
Brotton	270	5
Boosbeck	108	-
Lingdale	61	-
	681	6
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Re-housing

No. of families re-housed during year	...	42
No. of housing applicants at 31st December, 1964		277

Analysis of Waiting List

Accommodation Required	Number of applicants
Bungalows	133
Houses	
Skelton	143
Lingdale	14
Boosbeck	10
Brotton	32
Hollybush	6
More than one estate	72
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	410
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FOOD

General

There are 152 food premises in the area, and 86 of these are registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. The premises may be classified as follows :-

Public Houses	...	...	...	...	20
Off-Licence Premises	...	...	...	...	7
Clubs (5 Workingmen's Clubs, 1 British Legion, 4 Institutes)	...	...	...	...	10
Fish and Chip Shops	...	...	...	...	16
Grocers, Confectioners, General Dealers	...	...	...	...	88
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	5
Ice Cream Retailers	...	...	...	...	60
Butchers	...	...	...	...	15
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	1
Cafes and Canteens	...	...	...	...	2

79 visits were made to various food premises.

Milk

The Council are responsible for milk registration as shown in Table 16, and for retail milk sampling.

TABLE 16

Milk Registrations

Number of Milk Distributors registered	12
Number of Dairy Premises registered	8

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

- (i) Number of samples of raw milk examined = 41
- (ii) Number of positive samples found = 8

All the eight positive samples came from one herd.

The owner of the herd gave an undertaking that until further notice, the milk from the eight affected cows would be subjected to pasteurisation before it was sold to the public, and in the event of it being sold wholesale, it would be sold on condition that it was subjected to pasteurisation by the purchaser.

This farmer no longer retails raw milk. All his milk is now sold to a pasteuriser.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are four private slaughterhouses which are licensed by the Council. Two slaughterhouses are being used for the slaughter of animals for sale outside the area in addition to local trade.

The number of animals slaughtered in the area showed another increase - 13,666 as compared with 13,396 in 1963 and 12,975 in 1962. One thousand five hundred and thirty visits were made for meat inspection purposes including regular Sunday and evening visits. In addition, thirty visits were made to slaughterhouses outside the area under arrangements with Saltburn and Marske U.D.C.

The income for the year from meat inspection charges amounted to £624. 2s. 9d.

There are 11 licensed slaughtermen in the district.

<u>Other Foods Condemned</u>						lbs.	ozs.
Pork Shoulder	...	...	...	...	...	2	0
Jellied Veal	...	...	...	...	...	4	0
Cooked Ham	...	...	...	...	...	10	0
Crabmeat	...	...	...	...	...		7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Total						16	7 $\frac{3}{4}$

TABLE 17

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2279	257	20	8659	2451	-
Number inspected	2279	257	20	8659	2451	-
All diseases except Tuber- culosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	2	-	2	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	51	20	-	14	20	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and Cysti- cerci	2.23%	8.56%	-	0.18%	0.86%	-
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	17	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.69%	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	13	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	13	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE 18
FRESH MEAT CONDEMNATIONS DURING 1964

Reason for Condemnation	BEASTS		COWS		SHEEP		PIGS		TOTAL lb
	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	Carcase lb	Offal lb	
C. Bovis	-	311	-	60	-	-	-	-	371
Abcesses	-	256	-	20	-	4	-	-	280
Telangiectasis	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	14
Milk Spots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	71
Bruising and Injuries	-	-	64	-	71	-	-	-	135
Parasites	-	266	-	44	-	40	-	60	410
Septicaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	100
Bacterial Necrosis	-	14	-	14	-	-	-	-	28
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	145	-	145
Angioma	-	10	-	104	-	-	-	-	114
Peritonitis	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	300
Bilateral Pyclo- nephritis	-	-	300	-	-	-	-	-	300
Miscellaneous	-	3	-	-	-	-	3	-	6
TOTAL	-	860	364	256	71	84	248	131	2274
Submitted for treatment by refrigeration	7120	-	820	-	-	-	-	-	7940

Adulteration

Sampling of food, etc., for this purpose is undertaken by the County Weights and Measures Office and the District Inspector has kindly supplied the following information regarding samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act in the Urban District during 1964.

Coffee and Chicory Essence
Desiccated Coconut
Gravy Salt
Ground Almonds
Lemonade Shandy
Milk
Mince Meat
Mixed Fruit Jam
Piccalilli
Pure Dripping
Salad Cream
Spaghetti Milanese

All the samples were reported to be genuine with the exception of the sample of Piccalilli.

The sample of Piccalilli was found by the Public Analyst to contain 30% of sugar. On the label attached to the jar, "sugar" was placed second on the list of ingredients whereas to comply with the Labelling of Food Order, 1953, it should have been placed fifth. The matter was taken up with the manufacturer who was eventually cautioned by the Chief Inspector.

CLEAN AIR

No complaint of smoke nuisance was received during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

A new rodent operator was appointed by the Council during the year. In addition to rodent control work he carries out other duties for the Surveyor's and Clerk's Departments. The Council's sewers were treated once and only light infestations were found in a few areas. The Council's tips were kept under constant supervision and minor infestations dealt with on several occasions.

"Warfarin" has been used to treat all the infestations during 1964. This poison gives very good results and the technique recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is followed.

Details of work done are set out below :-

	Inspections	Treatments
Domestic Premises	38	55
Business Premises	4	9
Allotments	-	3
Farms	2	8
Council Tips and Buildings	4	8
Sewers	-	1
Schools	2	4

DISINFESTATIONS

Five infestations were dealt with during the year.

CARAVAN SITES

There are seven licensed sites in the area, although three of these relate to individual caravans.

60 visits were made to sites during the year.

KNACKER'S YARD

The Knacker's Yard at Charltons was again licensed and periodical visits were made.

